Delhi has been received. Under the circumstances, the veracity of the newsreport could not be established.

Opening of Unani Dispensary at Bangalore

907. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the CGHS beneficiaries from Bangalore; for opening of Unani dispensary at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request received from the CGHS beneficiaries of Bangalore for setting up a new Unani dispensary at Bangalore has been referred to the Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee, Bangalore for their views/recommendations which will be examined by the Government subject to the availabiliy of funds.

Opening of Dispensaries in I. S. M.

908. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria for opening a new I.S.M. dispensary under CGHS;

(b) whether the dispensaries are opened on public/beneficiaries demand;

(c) the number of dispensaries of I.S.M. opened during the Seventh five year plan, in each system of I.S.M.; and

(d) the number of new dispensaries of I.S.M. in each system proposed to be opened during the Eighth five year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) ISM dispensaries are opened under CGHS on the demand from the CGHS beneficiaries, the recommendation of the Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee and the assessment of need.

(c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan, Two Ayurvedic, Two Homoeopathic and Two Unani Units were set up under CGHS.

(d) The opening of new I.S.M. dispensaries under CGHS in the Eigth Five Year Plan would depend upon the availability of funds during the plan period, demands from beneficiaries and Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee and the assessment of needs.

Opening of Unani Dispensaries

909. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that number of Unani dispensaries under CGHS is very small as compared to other systems;

(b) whether Government propose to open Unani dispensaries in the cities where there are other system dispensaries already available; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Blood Banks

910. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has decided to set up a panel of doctors to conduct surprise check on Blood Banks in Government Hospitals and Private Clinics to detect AIDS affected blood stored there; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal to direct the State Governments to set up panel of doctors to keep check on blood banks.